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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. Applicant is filing this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application, to the undersigned representative's knowledge at the time this paper was filed. This IDS supplements the IDS filed on July 16, 2003.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant also includes a Search Report from the European Patent Office in English issued in a counterpart foreign application with a mailing date of February 13, 2004, citing the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449.

Applicant points out that a copy of JP 2002-078222, cited in the European Patent Office Search Report, was previously submitted with the IDS filed on July 16, 2003 and a statement of

relevance was provided with that submission. Therefore, Applicant is not enclosing another copy with this document.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists, and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status such document.


Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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